

Outstanding members make for a great unit

This past week several of us had the pleasure of going to Washington, DC to attend the Air Force Civil Engineering Awards for 2002. Our own Chief Master Sgt. Ken Wolf received the prestigious S.A.M.E. Goddard Medal as the outstanding civil engineering professional in the Air National Guard.

We couldn't have been more pleased for Chief Wolf because it was a well earned honor for the many years of truly outstanding leadership and effort he consistently puts forth as a member of the 179th.

While we celebrate his achievements, we also reflect on the outstanding efforts people throughout this wing are putting forth every day to support our unit, state and nation. It's people like Chief Wolf and so many others, who set the example and lead the way for others to follow that will ensure our wing accomplishes our mission regardless of the challenges we might face.

This month we opened our new



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combined operations and communications facility. Local elected officials and community leaders, as well as a number of our retired members (who we were happy to see) were present

for the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. This new building was a long time in coming and will finally provide our operations and communications folks a state-of-the-art facility to accomplish their training and other duties. A big thanks goes out to everyone who played a part in everything from the design and project management, to doing all the heavy work of moving in and making the ribbon cutting ceremony a success.

Our unit is steadily improving in just about every respect, from facilities and equipment to increased capabilities and more. The 179th Airlift Wing is ready to do whatever is asked of us because of the outstanding efforts by each and every one of you. The teamwork and professionalism I see every day is very special, and it is the formula by which we will perform our duty to the best of our ability. None of us knows what the future holds, but one thing we do know..."Together we will succeed."

Always remember proper customs and courtesies

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With the real world possibility of many of us being activated the First Sergeants Council would like to address customs and courtesies while working with active duty.

In reality there should be no difference between the guard and our active duty counterparts, but in the guard we tend to use first names far too often. This has resulted in disciplinary action being taken against both the guard and reserve components of the armed forces for disrespect to non-commissioned officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

It is the intention of the First

Sergeants Council to make everyone aware of the situation and to correct the problem before any of our troops deploy. The first step begins by giving proper respect to all members of the armed forces regardless if they are active, reserve or guard, and saluting all officers while rendering the proper greeting.

The 179th as a whole must start addressing its members by their proper rank and name and not by their first name; and to remember to render a salute when passing an officer.

Holiday dinner not scheduled

The 179th AW Officer's Spouse Club did not schedule its annual Valentine's Day Dinner this year due to current world events.

The club is looking to expand and looking for new members to join. Meetings are typically held once a month and no meetings are scheduled during the summer months.

For more information about the Officer's Spouse Club contact Helen Stephens at (419) 884-0882.